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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for 606 Bloomingdale Trail Extension in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is Cook County and the project is located at 1800 N Ashland Ave, Chicago, IL 60622 & 60642.

The funding is designated to extend the multiuse trail known as the 606 from Ashland Avenue to Elston Avenue – a distance of approximately 1,050 feet – in order to provide a safe connection between the east and west sides of the Kennedy Expressway and UP Railroad tracks. The 606 will be located below the Kennedy Bridge and under the UP Railroad tracks

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to improve existing conditions, which currently require users of The 606 to use sidewalks on Ashland Avenue or travel on Paulina Street, which has no bike lanes, to get to Cortland Street, the closest street with designated bike lanes. The intersection at Cortland Street and Ashland Avenue is a particular challenge, as it is under the Kennedy Expressway viaduct and Metra bridges.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

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Sincerely,

Mike Quigley April 20, 2021